



UAW announces deal with General Motors that tentatively ends strikes against Detroit automakers

By TOM KRISHER
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DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers union said Monday that it reached a tentative contract with General Motors, the last of the Detroit Three automakers to agree to a deal.

Under the agreement reached early Monday at the union's headquarters in Detroit, workers at all three companies will return to the job pending votes on whether to ratify the contracts, which will take place over the next two weeks.

The GM deal follows tentative agreements reached with Ford on Wednesday and Jeep-maker Stellantis on Saturday.



United Auto Workers signs for a strike are shown at the Stellantis Sterling Heights Assembly Plant, in Sterling Heights, Mich., Monday, Oct. 23, 2023.

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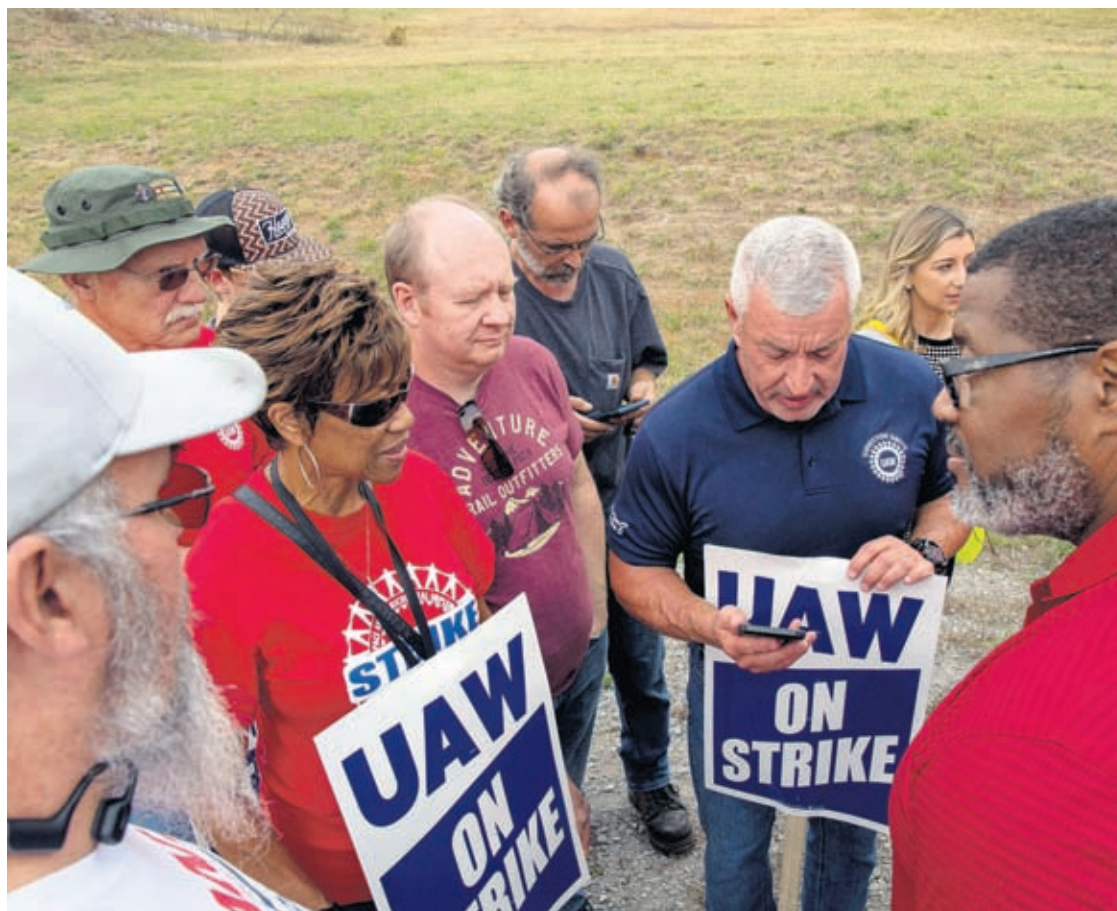
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All three deals have to be voted on by the 146,000 union members who work at the Detroit companies. The union's targeted strikes against the companies began on Sept. 15.

The main provisions of the deals are largely the same at all three automakers, but there are small differences. In each case, workers would see 25% general pay raises, including an 11% increase upon ratification. Including cost-of-living pay, the raises would total more than 30% over the life of contracts, which would run through April 2028.

The GM deal was reached after CEO Mary Barra, facing an estimated \$200 million per week in losses from the strike, went to the UAW's Detroit headquarters Sunday night intent on getting a new contract. She and others were able to close a deal with UAW President Shawn Fain and others that is likely to end a contentious six-week work stoppage.

The tentative deal, which came on Fain's 55th birthday, capped a furious few days of agreements that still need to be ratified by 146,000 UAW members. Ford agreed to a new contract last week and was followed by Stellantis on Saturday, which raised the pressure on GM to settle for essentially the same terms. Members could still vote down the contracts, but it's likely they would bring labor peace to the domestic auto industry, at least until they'd expire on April 30, 2028. Most industry analysts say contracts with the Detroit Three are victories for the UAW, which had sought big gains to make up for concessions it made to help the companies get through the Great Recession of late-2007 to 2009. Fain initially wanted 40% raises and even asked for a 32-hour work week for 40 hours of pay, but he didn't get all of his demands. During the talks, which began last summer, the



Tim Smith, center, UAW Region 8 director, stands outside with other workers as they listen to a phone call with UAW President Shawn Fain while picketing near the General Motors plant in Spring Hill, Tenn., after United Auto Workers Local 1853 announced a strike after 44 days of negotiations with GM, Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023.

companies said they were reluctant to agree to the union's terms, fearing they would force them to raise vehicle prices higher than competitors with nonunion factories in the U.S., including Toyota and Tesla. For GM, which was losing millions of dollars each week the strike lasted, the impetus was clear: Reach a deal so it could open an SUV factory in Spring Hill, Tennessee, as soon as possible. About 18,000 GM workers were on strike.

Mike Huerta, president of UAW Local 602, which was on strike in Lansing, Michigan, was hesitant to celebrate the deal before seeing more information, saying that "the devil's in the details."

"Our bargainers did their job. They're going to present us with something and then we get to tell them it was good enough or it wasn't," said Huerta. "We were ready to continue if we needed to," Huerta said. "And if we do turn it down, we'll be ready to go back again."

Shammira Marshall, a fork-

lift driver at GM's parts warehouse in Van Buren Township, west of Detroit, said the holidays will be a bit nicer this year thanks to the tentative deal.

"Christmas, Thanksgiving, the New Year — that'll help," she said of her expected raise.

This marked Marshall's second strike against GM, having walked picket lines in 2019. As word came down of a deal, she and other UAW members worked to disassemble a tent that strikers had used.

"This time it wasn't bad, because I knew what to expect," she said.

The GM deal came after nearly 4,000 union workers walked out of GM's largest North American plant, in Spring Hill, Tennessee, by surprise on Saturday night. President Joe Biden was asked about the deal Monday, as he boarded Air Force One back to the White House. He gave a thumbs-up and said: "I think it's great."

Spring Hill is a key facility that would have brought down other GM facto-

ries had its workers stayed on strike. It produces the engines for vehicles assembled at nine plants as far afield as Mexico, plus the electric Cadillac Lyriq, GMC Acadia and two Cadillac crossover SUVs.

Erik Gordon, a business and law professor at the University of Michigan, said the union got much of what it wanted in the deals, which will raise the companies' costs at a critical and historic time as the industry switches from internal combustion engines to electric vehicles.

"The companies are trying to figure out how to transition to EVs without losing too many billions of dollars, and now face a huge bump in labor costs for the products that will finance the EV transition," he said.

A study this month by Moody's Investors Service found that annual labor costs could rise by \$1.1 billion for Stellantis, \$1.2 billion for GM and \$1.4 billion for Ford in the final year of the contract. The study assumed a 20% increase in hourly labor costs. Ford said

the deals will add \$850 to \$900 in labor costs per vehicle.

Wells Fargo Analyst Colin Langan estimated that the contracts would drive up the companies' hourly total labor costs by about 30%, to \$76.08 at Ford, \$78.15 at GM and \$75.63 at Stellantis. Analysts have said that foreign automakers with U.S. factories generally have hourly labor costs of \$45 to \$60, which includes what they spend on worker benefits.

The union, however, said the companies are making billions of dollars in profits per year and can afford to pay workers to make up for previous concessions. It contends labor expenses are only 4% to 5% of a vehicle's costs.

The higher costs, plus a more combative stance against the companies from Fain, could make GM, Ford and Stellantis rethink opening any new factories in the U.S., said Gordon.

Presidents of the Ford union locals voted unanimously in Detroit on Sunday to endorse that tentative contract after Fain explained its details, the union tweeted. At Stellantis, workers would get cost-of-living pay that would bring raises to a compounded 33%, with top assembly plant workers making more than \$42 per hour. Top-scale workers there now make around \$31 per hour.

Starting wages for new Stellantis hires will rise 67% including cost-of-living adjustments to over \$30 per hour. Temporary workers will get raises of more than 165%.

Like the Ford agreement, it will take just three years for new workers to get to the top of the assembly pay scale, the union said.

The UAW began targeted strikes against all three automakers on Sept. 15 after its contracts with the companies expired. At the peak, about 46,000 UAW workers were on strike — about one-third of the union's 146,000 members at all three companies. □

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Lawyers argue whether the Constitution's 'insurrection' clause blocks Trump from the 2024 ballot

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Lawyers for a group of Colorado voters on Monday focused on the January 2021 assault on the U.S. Capitol and former President Donald Trump's role, opening a trial that could determine whether the Constitution's insurrection clause bars Trump from running again for the White House.

Attorney Eric Olson recounted Trump's violent rhetoric preceding the Jan. 6 attack and his encouraging a crowd that came within "40 feet" of the vice president when it stormed the Capitol. He said Trump "summoned and organized the mob."

"We are here because Trump claims, after all that, that he has the right to be president again," Olson said. "But our Constitution, the shared charter of our nation, says he cannot do so."

Trump's legal team and presidential campaign assailed the lawsuit as little more than an attempt by Democrats to derail his attempt to reclaim his old job. Trump is so far dominating the Republican presidential primary.

Before the trial on the lawsuit began, his lawyers filed a motion to have the judge recuse herself because she had donated in the past to a liberal group in the state. She said no.

The campaign also noted the current lawsuit was filed by a liberal nonprofit in a state that voted for Democrat Joe Biden in 2020.

"They send money to these dark money groups they go to a Democratic jurisdiction and a Democratic judge," Trump spokesman Jason Miller said.

Monday's hearing in Colorado state court is the first of two lawsuits that could end up reaching the U.S. Supreme Court. On Thursday, the Minnesota Supreme Court hears oral arguments in a similar case.

Ultimately, either the Colo-



Judge Sarah B. Wallace presides over a hearing for a lawsuit that seeks to keep former President Donald Trump off the state ballot, in court in Denver on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023.

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rado or Minnesota case is expected to land at the U.S. Supreme Court, which has never ruled on the Civil War-era provision. Section Three of the 14th Amendment prohibits those who swore an oath to uphold the Constitution and then "engaged in insurrection" against it from holding higher office.

The Colorado testimony began with details about the Jan. 6 assault that was intended to stop Congress from certifying Biden's election win. Witnesses included some who were there.

Officer Daniel Hodges of Washington's Metropolitan Police Department recalled being beaten and having someone try to gouge out his eye as he defended the Capitol from the rioters. Footage from the body camera he was wearing that day was shown in court.

"I was afraid for my life and my colleagues," Hodges said.

"I was afraid for the people in the U.S. Capitol building congressmen, the vice president and what these people would do to them and how it would affect our democracy."

Democratic Rep. Eric Swalwell testified that members of the House watched the attack on their phones with mounting alarm as they grabbed gas masks and contemplated how to defend themselves. He said they all followed Trump's messages on Twitter carefully.

"We connected the president's tweets to our own safety in the chamber and also the integrity of the proceedings," said Swalwell, who was manager of the House's impeachment of Trump for the attack and also filed a federal lawsuit against him for inciting the riot.

The trial is unfolding in stages, starting with a description of the attack and Trump's words and actions, followed by arguments over whether the assault actually constituted an insurrection.

Later in the week, lawyers are expected to call constitutional experts to delve into the meaning of the amendment's insurrection clause.

Trump's lawyers contend the former president never "engaged in insurrection" and was simply exercising

his free speech rights to warn about election results he did not believe were legitimate. They noted cases where the congressional authors of Section Three declined to use it more than a century ago against people who only rhetorically backed the confederacy.

His lawyers said none of the issues are simple in a provision of the Constitution that hasn't been used in 150 years. In court filings, they said the insurrection clause was never meant to apply to the office of president, which is not mentioned in the text, unlike "Senator or Representative in Congress" and "elector of President and Vice President."

"This is a legal Hail Mary by the Democrats," said Mike Davis, an attorney who appeared with representatives of the Trump campaign outside court before the trial began. "This case is going to fail."

An attorney representing Trump, Scott Gessler, called the lawsuit "anti-democratic" and noted that at least one other presidential candidate socialist labor organizer Eugene Debs ran from prison without people

trying to disqualify him.

A former Colorado secretary of state, Gessler said there is an informal principle in election law known as "the rule of democracy," which essentially means to "err on the side of letting people vote" whenever there is an ambiguity.

At the start of Monday's hearing held in a large downtown Denver courtroom filled with attorneys, journalists and several armed sheriff's deputies the judge rejected the motion by Trump's attorneys that asked her to step aside because she once contributed money to a liberal group.

Trump's campaign said it had filed a motion for the judge, Sarah B. Wallace, to recuse herself because she had made a \$100 donation in October 2022 to the Colorado Turnout Project, a group whose website says it was formed to "prevent violent insurrections" such as the Jan. 6 attack.

She was appointed to the bench in August of that year by Gov. Jared Polis, a Democrat. Wallace denied the motion, saying she didn't recall the donation until the motion was filed and has no preconceptions about the legal issues in the case.

"I will not allow this legal proceeding to turn into a circus," she said. □

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Halloween weekend shootings across U.S. leave at least 11 dead, scores injured

By CURT ANDERSON

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)

— Shootings across the U.S. over the weekend before Halloween have left at least 11 people dead and more than 70 injured, authorities said.

The deaths between Friday and Sunday included two in Tampa, Florida, three in Texarkana, Texas, and two each in Dodge City, Kansas; San Antonio, Texas; and Mansfield, Ohio, according to police. Many involved altercations arising from Halloween celebrations, including the mass shooting in Tampa's Ybor City section early Sunday as bars were closing and scores of people in costumes spilled out on the streets before groups began arguing.

The spate of weekend violence unfolded as people mourn the 18 killed by a gunman last week in Lewiston, Maine. More than 1,000 people turned out Sunday for a vigil.

"A neighborhood bar. A bowling alley. A Halloween party. It seems we can't go one day without a mass shooting in America," said Kris Brown, president of Brady, a gun violence prevention group. "Anger plus firearms is a deadly combi-



A witch hat, left, and an unidentified object are shown in the street near evidence markers in the Ybor City section of Tampa, Fla., after a shooting, Oct. 29, 2023.

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nation that can escalate any situation into a war-zone in seconds."

One suspect, 22-year-old Tyrell Phillips, is charged with second-degree murder in the Tampa mass shooting and there may be other arrests, Police Chief Lee Bercaw said Sunday. Police initially said there were 18 injured in Tampa but have now revised that number to 16, with five remaining hospitalized Sunday night.

Phillips had his initial court appearance Monday but has not yet entered a plea. He remains jailed without bail pending another hearing set Thursday. Court records did not yet list an attorney to speak for Phillips. In Indianapolis, a shooting early Sunday at a large party left a teenager dead and nine other teens and young adults between the ages of 16 and 21 injured, police said. The injured

were in stable condition.

As of Monday morning, there have been no arrests, said Officer Samone Burris, who said "the case remains active and the investigation is ongoing." Multiple firearms were found at the scene.

"I am frustrated and angry at the news of young people shot at a Halloween party last night," Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett said in a statement Sunday

morning. "There are far too many guns in the hands of those who have no business having them, and shocking violence is too often the result."

In Chicago, police said at least 15 people were injured, two of them critically, after a shooter fired shots into a crowd at a Halloween party early Sunday. The suspect was taken into custody, but officials had not announced any charges as of Monday morning.

In Texas, five people were killed and another six were hurt in two separate shootings Saturday night.

San Antonio police said a 13-year-old girl was wounded and her parents were killed after shootout at a house party. A 20-year-old man arrived at the party and an argument ensued, police said. The man started firing a gun, and a 40-year-old man returned fire.

The older man and a 35-year-old woman died at the home, police said. The younger man and his relative and the 13-year-old girl were taken to the hospital with wounds that were not life threatening, police said. Police have announced no charges.

Illinois man pleads not guilty to hate crime and murder charges in attack on Muslim mother and son



Joseph Czuba, 71, sits before Circuit Judge Dave Carlson for his arraignment in the murder of 6-year old Wadea Al-Fayoume, at the Will County, Ill., courthouse, Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, in Joliet, Ill.

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By SOPHIA TAREEN

Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) —

A man accused of murder, attempted murder and a hate crime in an attack on a Palestinian American woman and her young son pleaded not guilty Monday following his indictment by an Illinois grand jury.

Joseph Czuba, 71, is charged in the fatal stabbing of six-year-old Wadea Al-Fayoume and the wounding of Hanaan Shahin on Oct. 14. Authorities said the victims were targeted because of their

Muslim faith and as a response to the war between Israel and Hamas.

Shahin told police that Czuba, her landlord in Plainfield in Will County, was upset over the war and attacked them after she had urged him to "pray for peace." Czuba appeared in court Monday wearing a red jail uniform, socks and yellow rubber slippers.

His attorney George Lenard entered the not guilty plea after the judge read the 8-count indictment. Czuba did not speak, looking down at the podium with

his hands folded behind his back as he stood before the judge in the court in Joliet, 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Chicago.

Shahin, 32, is recovering from multiple stab wounds. Hundreds of people attended her son's funeral on Oct. 16 where he was remembered as an energetic boy who loved playing games. He had recently had a birthday.

The boy's father and other family members attended the hearing.

They declined to speak to reporters.

China honors American veterans of World War II known as Flying Tigers in an effort to improve ties

By KEN MORITSUGU

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China on Monday honored two American veterans of World War II as Washington and Beijing look to past collaboration for inspiration on improving today's strained ties.

Mel McMullen, who is in his late 90s, and Harry Moyer, who turned 103 on Monday, are among the few surviving members of a U.S. military command that helped China battle Japan and became popularly known as the Flying Tigers. Their visit, which was reported in China's main evening news broadcast, is the latest in a small but expanding series of exchanges ahead of a possible meeting between Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping next month, as the United States and China try to repair a relationship that has deteriorated sharply over differences on trade, technology, security and human rights.

McMullen recounted how Chinese farmers saved the lives of downed American pilots, hiding them by day and moving them from village to village by night, despite the risk of severe punishment by the Japanese.



U.S. Ambassador to China Nicholas Burns, on stage left, sings the national anthem with US World War II veterans Mel McMullen, center, and Harry Moyer, right, during a ceremony in honor of Flying Tigers and their descendants held at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, Monday, Oct. 30, 2023.

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"I think that's something we should all understand," he said at a ceremony at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

"People are the same. Their governments may be different, but the people actually always have one desire, and that is to live and to raise their families in peace, and in the customs of their predecessors. And I needed to say that and I'm sorry I took so much time," he said to loud applause.

The 7 p.m. news on Chinese state broadcaster CCTV

showed the veterans meeting Vice President Han Zheng, who told them that China and the U.S. need to work together to address major global challenges and that he hopes the spirit of the Flying Tigers could be passed down from generation to generation.

Their entourage included Nell Calloway, the granddaughter of their former commander, Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault. Chennault founded the Flying Tigers as a group of Ameri-

can pilots flying for China's air force. They were later absorbed by the U.S. military when it expanded its operations in China.

The U.S. and China have been slowly restoring contacts that were broken off over the past four years, both by the coronavirus pandemic that restricted travel and the growing animosity between the world's two largest economies.

Six U.S. senators visited earlier this month, the first congressional delegation

to China since 2019, and California Gov. Gavin Newsom's visit last week was the first by a state leader.

In a revival of cultural exchange, the American Ballet Theatre is performing in Shanghai this week, followed by members of the Philadelphia Orchestra who will begin a tour next week, marking the 50th anniversary of the orchestra's historic visit to China in 1973. Both countries want more people-to-people exchange, said U.S. Ambassador to China Nicholas Burns, who hosted the Flying Tigers ceremony in a small embassy gymnasium with a basketball hoop.

"We're at a difficult moment in the U.S. China relationship," Burns said. "We are in many ways rivals, strategically. ... But the two peoples of the countries have always been together."

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, after a visit to Washington last week, warned that the path to a Biden-Xi meeting would not be "smooth sailing," even after a U.S. official said the two sides had agreed to hold one during next month's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in San Francisco. □

Putin claims Ukraine, U.S. spy agencies were behind mob storming Dagestan airport



A people in the crowd walk shouting antisemitic slogans at an airfield of the airport in Makhachkala, Russia, Monday, Oct. 30, 2023.

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MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday accused Ukrainian and Western spy agencies of helping engineer a riot in the southern region of Dagestan, where a mob stormed the airport after a flight from Israel landed there.

More than 20 people were hurt none Israelis in clashes that Putin cast as part of U.S. efforts to weaken Russia.

Hundreds of angry men, some carrying banners with antisemitic slogans, rushed onto the tarmac of the airport in Makhachkala, the

capital of the predominantly Muslim region, on Sunday night, looking for Israeli passengers on the flight from Tel Aviv.

Police officers and civilians were injured and two of them were in critical condition, regional health authorities said. More than 80 people were detained in the unrest, according to police. Russia's Investigative Committee has opened a criminal probe on charges of organizing mass unrest.

Russia has issued carefully calibrated criticism of both sides in the war between Is-

rael and Hamas, a conflict that is giving Moscow new opportunities to advance its role as a global power broker and challenge Western efforts to isolate it over Ukraine.

Speaking to top government officials in televised comments, Putin said the Israel-Hamas war had been triggered by "the terrorist attack against peaceful citizens of Israel and other countries" but said that the Israeli response indiscriminately targeted civilians "who have nowhere to run and nowhere to hide." □

3 foreigners confirmed among 45 dead from Hurricane Otis in Mexico

By **MARK STEVENSON**

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Three foreign residents were among at least 45 people killed when Hurricane Otis hit Mexico's resort city of Acapulco last week, officials said Monday, as the continuing search for the missing focused on submerged boats.

Those confirmed dead included one American, one Canadian and one person from England, all of whom had been living in Acapulco for some time and were not considered tourists, local prosecutors said.

Meanwhile, the Navy said search efforts would now focus on finding possible bodies among the 29 boats known to have sunk in Acapulco Bay the night the hurricane hit.

The boats have been located and authorities were waiting for a ship equipped with a crane to arrive later Monday to lift the wrecks out of the water, Navy Secretary Adm. José Rafael Ojeda said.

There have been continuing reports that some crew members were aboard boats during the storm. Acapulco is known for both



Firefighters and scuba divers search for bodies near sunken boats at a yacht club in Acapulco, Mexico, Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, following Hurricane Otis.

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its abundance of expensive yachts and its cheap tour boats that carry tourists around the bay.

"As of now we know of 29 craft that have sunk," Ojeda said. "A ship with a crane is going to arrive to lift the boats ... we already know where they are." He said they hoped not to find "any drowned people there." Otis roared ashore last Wednesday with devastating 165 mph (266 kph)

winds after strengthening so rapidly that people had little time to prepare.

In previous hurricanes in Acapulco, most of the dead were swept away by flooding on land. But with Otis, a significant number appear to have died at sea. Local residents have said that some crews had either chosen or been ordered to stay aboard to guard their craft.

A local business chamber

leader put the number of missing or dead at sea as high as 120, but there has been no official confirmation of that.

Abigail Andrade Rodríguez was one of four crew members aboard the rental boat Litos, a 94-foot (29-meter), twin-motor yacht based in Puerto Marques, just south of Acapulco's main bay, on the night the hurricane hit.

"None of them has been

found," said Susy Andrade, her aunt.

"She spoke with her family (Tuesday) and she said the sea was very choppy, and that they were going to leave Puerto Marques and head for the (Acapulco) marina to see if they would be safer there," Andrade said. "It appears they didn't arrive."

Around midnight the yacht appears to have sent out an SOS after being blown or fleeing across the main bay. There was no official word that the Litos was among the 29 boats confirmed sunk.

"Things don't look good," Andrade said, "but we want to find her."

There were conflicting reports of the number of people confirmed dead so far. The government reported Sunday that at least 48 people died when Category 5 Hurricane Otis slammed into Mexico's southern Pacific coast, most of them in Acapulco.

Mexico's civil defense agency said in a statement that 43 of the dead were in the resort city of Acapulco and five in the nearby township of Coyuca de Benitez. □

Venezuela's high court has suspended the opposition's primary election process

By **REGINA GARCIA CANO**

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's high court on Monday suspended the opposition's entire primary election process, including its result, in the latest challenge by the government of President Nicolás Maduro to its adversaries ahead of the 2024 presidential vote.

The court ruled the opposition's Oct. 22 contest may be in violation of the law. It was not immediately clear whether the suspension would effectively result in the nullification of the primary vote.

The Associated Press could

not immediately seek clarification from the head of

the National Primary Commission as he entered the



Jesus Maria Casal, president of the National Primary Commission, front right, arrives to the Attorney General's office where he was summoned about the opposition's recent primary elections in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Oct. 30, 2023.

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attorney general's office minutes after the ruling was issued. The commission is an independent body that formed to organize the opposition's primary.

Maduro and his allies have ridiculed and minimized the primary all year, but they escalated their attacks after the election exceeded participation expectations. More than 2.4 million Venezuelans in the country and abroad voted, including in areas once considered strongholds of the ruling party.

"All effects of the different phases of the electoral process conducted by the National Primary Commission

are suspended," the ruling said.

The court ordered organizers to hand over all ballots, tally sheets and other documents, under the argument that the independent contest may be in violation of the law.

It also ratified the bans imposed by Maduro's government on three candidates, including winner María Corina Machado, on running for office.

Machado, a former lawmaker and longtime government foe, was officially declared the primary's winner Thursday after earning more than 90% of the vote. □

The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and its history

(Oranjestad)—The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins is one of the most visited places by tourists on the island, as it lies along the northern coast line near the mini pool and on the way to the Natural Bridge. Despite its seemingly plain appearance, this ruin represents one of the most important histories of the island: The Aruban Gold Rush.

Built in 1872 by English company Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd, the gold mill at Bushiribana was constructed in the area where most gold was found by locals. The story of gold on Aruba actually dates back to 1725, when a first exploration for gold on the island was commis-

sioned by the Dutch West India Company. Under the leadership of Mr. Paulus Printz, a three-year search was conducted on Aruba, to no avail. Though they found some gold, it was enough to motivate a further search, and the assignment was discontinued by Printz himself.

It wasn't until 100 years later, in 1824, when a young boy found a lump of gold while out herding his father's sheep. His father took it to a local merchant who then sold the lump for \$70. Unbeknownst to the boy and his father, they quite literally struck gold, and as word got out, a gold fever spread among the locals who started search-

ing for more gold. About 25 pounds worth was found.

At the same time, the Aruban government took immediate actions, and informed Curacao that gold was found. At first, everyone could look for gold, as long as they sold it to the government. However, after some time, the government decided to implement stricter rules and banned local search parties.

Over the years, concession-holding had seen different companies from around the world, all of which used primitive methods to dig and carve out gold from the rocks. Aruba Island Gold Mining Compa-



ny Ltd. was no different, but used a unique method that involved grinding the rocks and letting the dust be blown away by the strong northeast wind, leaving clumps of gold behind. The next step was melting the gold and letting it attach to quicksilver in order to obtain pure gold. All these processes were done at

the Bushiribana Gold Mill.

The gold mill itself had a short life-span: only 10 years in service, but its structure remained relatively solid till this day, and is now a historical remnant.

Sources: Etnia Nativa & gold-mineranch.com.

Visit the island's hidden natural pools

(Oranjestad)—Amongst the countless beaches surrounding the island that are well-known and frequently visited, there are an additional two "hidden" natural pools that are situated in the northern coast of the island, two ideal stops in your tour itinerary.

Conchi (Natural Pool)

For many years, Conchi was the only natural pool that we had on the island. Located in the Arikok National Park, near Boca Keto and the Daimari Ranch, Conchi—also known "Cura di Turtuga (Turtle's Cove) or just Natural Pool—is reachable with any 4x4 vehicle or by foot if you're up for a long hike. However, since it is part of the National Park, you must first get permission from park management to

enter. You would have to purchase a day pass, and receive a wristband as proof of payment. Once you've completed that, you are set!

If you decide to hike from the entrance of the Arikok National Park, this is also possible: do bring plenty of protective clothing and enough water and food—it could take you up to three hours to hike there!

However, when you eventually do get there, you will be greeted with crystal blue water surrounded by a natural rock formation that protects you from the wild waves on the other side. Though the pool is located on the northern side of the island (where the sea is largely rough and largely



no suitable for swimming), the pool itself is very calm. It's also relatively deep, and you can climb up the rocks and jump in!

Cave Pool

This relatively new pool appeared just a few years ago, when a part of the dried up coral floor broke off and created a partition between the ocean and what is now the natural pool that is hidden there. Because it's still so new, there is no official name for it, but most people just call it the cave pool.

Just like the Conchi, the new natural pool is situated on the northern coast of Aruba. However, this pool is much easier to reach with any type of vehicle, and there is no hiking needed. This spot has also become a regular stop for touring visitors.

When you get there, maybe you won't be able to spot the pool immediately, because you will probably notice the moon-shaped lagoon where wild northern waves crash into each oth-

er. Sounds scary, but if you look down on your right, you'll see a calm, crystal blue little pool in the corner. To get there, you have to climb down some stairs. Be careful when climbing down and follow the instructions of your tour guide if you have one.

And just like Conchi, this pool also has a jumping spot, and a rope to climb back up the boulder. □

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For today we received a lovely message from **Nancy Bascom from Kentucky, USA.**

She wrote to us saying: "Spending another October vacation with our friends at the Divi AI. That's Aruba to us! Being together for two weeks every year is the ultimate holiday. This is HOME!" Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □



Create museum memories

ORANJESTAD — Museums are an integral part of conserving and honoring cultures, and Aruba is no exception. Our Island has a wide selection of various museums for our locals and visitors to see. Take this opportunity to learn about our island and experience a different day beyond the beach. Let us introduce to you these museums.

Museum of Industry Aruba



The Museum of Industry is located in San Nicolas—better known as the art capital of Aruba. This museum exhibits the industrial history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and multimedia installations.

The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history, which began in the 19th century.

The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the substructure, the high-rising vertical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments Fund in 2003 so it can be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum of Industry is part of Aruba Museum Foundation (Fundacion Museo Aruban), which is a foundation set to maintain, preserve, and protect the Aruban cultural sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 6 pm.

For more information, check out their Facebook page Museum of Industry Aruba.

Archaeological Museum of Aruba



The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex

in the area has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's, AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m2.

In 1997, the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004, a financial agreement was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006, restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the

soon-to-be exhibition space. In December 2007, the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), opened in July 2009.

At the new location, the National Archaeological Museum Aruba disposes of approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit conveys information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum also hosts attractive public programs, including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.

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Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothened, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.

Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process. It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass."

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household



appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass.

Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day!

Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

Everybody knows that you are not allowed to take local shells home, but the people working at the airport have no problem you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation! ☐



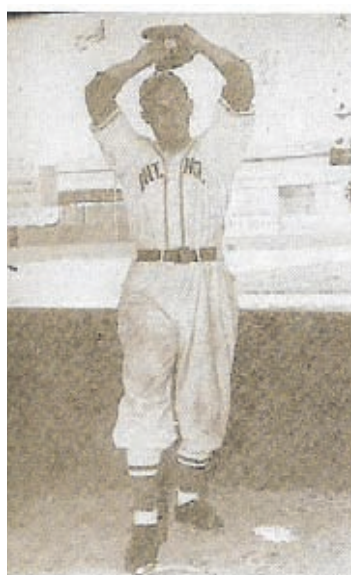
Short history of the beginnings of baseball in Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Baseball was played on the island of Aruba in the 1930's, but only by United States expatriates working for LAGO and living inside the LAGO colony. Jim Bluejacket, the legendary US Indian who had played in two major league teams, worked for LAGO during 14 years and was a key factor in the growth of the popularity of the game in the colony. There is no record of Bluejacket ever playing outside the colony.



the super popular Luis "El Grande" (the great one) after whom the baseball stadium in Maracaibo is named. He and his brother owned the professional baseball teams "Gavilanes" which later became the "Aguilas", and the "Cabimas".

In the early '40s, another group, mostly immigrants from the Dominican Republic also became very active with pickup teams. Some of these remained active in baseball well into the early '50s; as umpires, managers even as players. Among these were Nestor "Pantin" Guerrero who also had a musical band. Perhaps not so coincidentally, many of Pantin's players were also musicians. Luthai Pantophlet who umpired many years was a well-known drummer. Gaston Hazel was a bongo player; José Bryson and the brothers Nicholson, Teddy and Julio, all played several instruments.

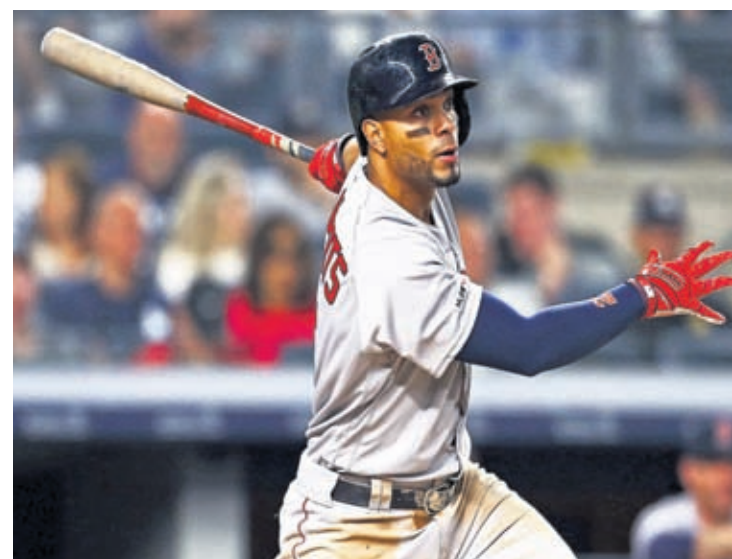


In San Nicolas, baseball was played on the grounds next to where the LAGO Sport Park (now Laveist Sport Park) was officially inaugurated in March 1941.

During the WWII years, baseball got a big lift from the influx of Puerto Rican and US soldiers stationed here. As LAGO was playing a very important role in the struggle against Hitler, it was able to get all the sports equipment needed here to allow more people to participate.



In the '40s only the Lago Sports Park organized baseball championship games. The first teams to participate were Artraco, (Aruba Trading Co.), Esso Garage and Botica San Lucas. In 1945 Venezuelan employees of the Lago refinery participated under the name of "Cafenol", a very popular Venezuelan coffee brand. Two other groups of Venezuelan immigrants formed the teams "Cerveceria" (named after the iconic team Cerveceria Caracas), and "Venezuela", although not all members of these teams were Venezuelans. This was also the year that the team



sponsored by Roxy Café started to play as "Dodgers". Dodgers became the dominant baseball powerhouse till the 1950s.

Other teams that entered the baseball scene in the late 1940s: Pepsi Cola (Oranjestad) and St. Thomas Boys (former students of St. Thomas College, Oranjestad). "Baby Ruth" in San Nicolas played initially under the name "Camel" and "Barnes' Ramblers" the only team consisting of Lago Colony players to participate in the Lago Sport Park championships. "Red Rock Cola" was formed in Oranjestad in 1950.

In 1952 the team Pepsi Cola became "Nesbitt's" and had players of seven countries, including two American expats from Lago Colony.

In 1950 a group of prominent members of the Aruba community founded the Amateur Baseball Bond of Aruba (ABBA) to give structure to the management of the sport and became the organizers of official championship games. While maintaining the existing teams in a league that was referred to as A-class, ABBA established a B-class league in which the "Budweiser" and "Braves" played the first years.

By 1952 Aruba became a member of the International Amateur Baseball Association and fielded a team managed by Joe Proterra, (former pitcher of "Barnes' Ramblers"), that would play for the first time ever in the Amateur Baseball World Se-

ries that took place in Havana, Cuba in September. Surprisingly, Aruba won two of its six games and became the darling of the Havana fans. Nell Harms of the Aruban team was named the "Outstanding player of the week" for his performance against Honduras. He allowed just two hits, struck out 15 and hit the only homerun of the game. Joe Cambria, the famous scout for the Washington Senators offered him a contract, but Nel was not interested, but the next year, at the Amateur Baseball World Series in Caracas, Venezuela, Nel and Ruben Phillips did sign and in 1954 they played professional baseball the Georgia-Florida League and the Texas-New Mexico League. They were the first Arubans to play professionally, but not the only ones.

During the games in Havana, contacts were made with the organizers of Little League Baseball in Cuba which eventually resulted in the introduction of Little League in Aruba. Little League of Aruba has been extremely successful: It has produced many players who earned baseball scholarships at universities in the United States, a few who played professionally in the Netherlands and different countries in the Caribbean and five who reached the major leagues: Calvin Maduro, Eugene Kingsale, Radhames Dijkhoff, Sydney Ponson, and Xander Bogaerts one of the brightest stars of Boston Red Sox.

Written by Mr. Clyde Harms

Outside the colony, the game of baseball was introduced to Aruba by Venezuelan immigrants and sailors on the Venezuelan fishing boats that used Aruba as their home port. They formed pick-up teams and played games on Sundays on an open field behind what is now the Court of Justice. One of the Venezuelans that comes to mind is Felix Garrido, grandfather of our current Prime-Minister.

In the late 30s the leader of this group was Raúl Aparicio, a cousin of Luis Aparicio who is now enshrined in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The Aparicios were evidently very good at sports. Raúl had two brothers who also played baseball, René and Roman. Rosendo, his only brother who did not play baseball became a professional soccer player in the Venezuelan league. Rosendo was nicknamed "Cabeza de oro" (golden head) for a memorable header he scored to win a game for his team.

Interestingly, it was in Aruba that Luis Aparicio played his first game outside of Venezuela. This took place in 1950 when he played shortstop for the school he attended. Later he played for "Cabimas" in a doubleheader of the Venezuelan Western League. These official games of the league were authorized to be played in Aruba by the Professional Baseball Organization of Venezuela. Several others who played in those games have also been enshrined.



Luis Aparicio's father was

Aruba: the legend behind its name

(Oranjestad)—Most folkloric tales and legends in Aruba revolve around our indigenous ancestors, who came from mainland Venezuela, and discovered the island and made it into their new home. This particular legend tells the story of the birth of the Aruba name.

The legend follows the life of Arua, an indigenous Cacique originally from Aroa in the Falcon state in Venezuela in the year 50 AD. Arua had a son around the year 70 AD with his wife Shira, who they named Corobori. When Corobori was old enough, he joined his father on the usual boat trip to the islands of Curacao and Bonaire to gather salt.

On their way back to Mainland Venezuela, they were caught up in a heavy rain storm—a side effect from a passing, but far away, hurricane. Of course, because of the lack of motors and sail, their boat was left in the mercy of the heavy winds. After a while, the storm started to pass, and the clouds began to clear up. Finally able to see around them, the Cacique spotted land approximately an hour away. So, they started to row in that direction until they reached the coast.

Once they arrived on what they thought was Venezuela, they decided to stay the night and fix their kayak. The next morning, the Cacique ordered his son and a few warriors to go find any sign of population in the area: "Corobori," Arua said. "Don't come back without news. It's in your hands how long we stay here till we find our family. So, if you need to take a week to gather information, we will wait for you."

"Don't worry," Corobori replied. "As soon as we have any information, we will let you know." Armed with arrows and spears, backpacks filled with food and water containers, they set off. They climbed several small hills, but no sign of a village. They crossed different dry riverbeds, but no sign of anything. When the sun finally descended, they found themselves near a fairly tall hill and decided to climb it for a better view of a village. This hill was called Pan Dushi or Orcuyo, which today we call Hooiberg.

The next morning, they could clearly see that they have landed on an island, but an unfamiliar one at that. When Corobori went back to where his father was waiting, he told him the news: "Father Arua, you have just discovered an island, but it is not Curacao or Bonaire. Far in the south, we saw the big mountains of our homeland Venezuela, which we could have never seen on the other island. This leads us to believe we are on a new island. But that's not all. When the sun came up, we saw in the distance a glowing plain, which we think may be salt."

The Cacique was pleased to hear of his son's findings. He decided to stay a couple days on the newly-discovered island in search for salt. The next morning they ascended Hooiberg again and stayed to see if they could find nearby smoke, indicating an inhabitant village. But they found nothing. So they went back to their initial arrival settlement, now known as Santo Largo in Savaneta. The next morning they hiked along the Spaans Lagoen near the Mangel Halto Beach and reached the area of Bushiri. There, they boarded their kayaks and heading to what we know now as Malmok, where they found rocks of salt. After a couple days of exploring the island and gathering some salt rocks, they left for Venezuela, where they were reunited with their families.

Throughout the year, they travelled back and forth to Aruba, collecting salt. After a while they settled on the island, generations of families living along the coast. Corobori was the first indigenous inhabitant in our history to explore the entirety of the island.

Arua, after decades as the leader of his tribe, spent his last days on the island. Having reached 80 years old, he called for his family on his death bed. In his hammock, he said: "My children, many years have passed, and I've asked my warrior to bring me back to the island so I can laid to rest. The God of living has given me the gift of life to see my son, grandchildren and great grandchildren. But now he is calling me home. Corobori, my torch is now passed to you. Guide our people, and be the leader you were always meant to become. If one day you leave my island, do not forget that it is also yours. This is my last wish: When I die, bury me in our maize plantation."

And so when the Cacique passed away, his wishes were granted and he was laid to rest in the area we now know as the Paradera Cemetery. Where he used to live, they built the Paradera Church.

And that is the tale of what inspired the Aruba name. In the generations that lived or travelled back and forth to the island, there were many familiar names*, like Guadiriki, a warrior who was there when the island got discovered and his son, whom he called Huliba; Corobori and his children, Corodori, Camacuri and Turibana, Masiduri; and Malmok, the 13-year-old boy who alerted the Cacique when the Caribes attacked.

Familiar names: all these names are familiar to Arubans, as these are the names of places and plants on the island.

Source: Un storia di e Indjan Arua (A story of the Indian Arua) by Adolf (Dufi) Kock



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: BY THE PRICKING OF MY THUMBS, SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES. — WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE. "MACBETH"

Liz Weston: Does a 401(k) employer match tempt you to cash out?

By LIZ WESTON
of NerdWallet

Many companies try to help their workers to save for retirement. Employers often offer 401(k)s, company matches and automatic enrollment to encourage saving.

Much of that effort goes to waste, though, when employees leave. A study published last year in Marketing Science, a peer-reviewed research journal, found more than 40% of departing workers cashed out at least part of their 401(k)s, and most of those drained every dime.

What's more, employers may bear at least some of the blame, according to researchers Yanwen Wang of the University of British Columbia, Muxin Zhai of Texas State University and John Lynch Jr. of the University of Colorado.

The study, titled "Cashing Out Retirement Savings at Job Separation," suggests generous company matches can make cashing out more tempting.

CASH-OUTS DRAIN FUTURE RETIREMENT SECURITY

The researchers examined records of 162,360 employees who left jobs at 28 employers between 2014 and 2016. Of the 41.4% who cashed out retirement savings, about 64% took all the money out in one transaction while another 21% emptied their accounts with two or more withdrawals.

The people who took money out had smaller balances \$15,271 on average compared with those who left their accounts in the employer plan (\$69,546) or who rolled their savings



Cash is fanned out from a wallet in North Andover, Mass., June 15, 2018.

Associated Press

into an IRA or a new employer plan (\$67,353).

The damage from any 401(k) withdrawal is significant, however. Cash-outs trigger taxes and penalties that often equal 30% or more of the withdrawal, plus the loss of future tax-deferred compounded returns. Every \$1,000 withdrawn at age 35 can mean about \$8,000 less in retirement funds at age 65, assuming 7% average annual returns. So a \$15,000 withdrawal could mean \$120,000 less at retirement age. (The younger you are, the greater the damage; the same \$15,000 withdrawal at age 25 could mean \$240,000 less at retirement.)

Cashing out once is bad enough, but multiple job changes could lead to workers repeatedly draining their accounts, Wang says.

The median job tenure, or time employees typically remain with an employer, is about five years, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute. That can give workers many opportunities over a working

lifetime to raid their retirement savings.

"Ultimately, you might be only left with the very last pile of money you accumulated from your job," Wang says.

NECESSITY DOESN'T DRIVE MOST RETIREMENT PLAN CASH-OUTS

Sometimes a premature withdrawal is the best of bad options.

People may have pressing expenses and no other savings.

But relatively few workers cash out savings while they're working, whether through hardship withdrawals or 401(k) loans that aren't paid back, Wang says. And previous research shows that most people who cash out when they leave a job don't need the money for emergencies or other pressing expenses, she says.

Wang's team hypothesized that the composition of account balances might help explain why people cash out.

Thanks to a behavioral quirk known as mental accounting, people tend to treat different pots of money differently, depending on the source. So we may be more likely to spend a \$20 bill found on the street versus one that we earned on our own.

The researchers wondered if something similar happens when more of an account balance comes from employer matches versus employee contributions. □

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In early 2029, Earth will likely lock into breaching key warming threshold, scientists calculate



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Associated Press

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

In a little more than five years – sometime in early 2029 – the world will likely be unable to stay below the internationally agreed temperature limit for global warming if it continues to burn fossil fuels at its current rate, a new study says.

The study moves three years closer the date when the world will eventually hit a critical climate threshold, which is an increase of 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) since the 1800s. Beyond that temperature increase, the risks of catastrophes increase, as the world will likely lose most of its coral reefs, a key ice sheet could kick into irreversible melt, and wa-

ter shortages, heat waves and death from extreme weather dramatically increase, according to an earlier United Nations scientific report. Hitting that threshold will happen sooner than initially calculated because the world has made progress in cleaning up a different type of air pollution tiny smoky particles called aerosols. Aerosols slightly cool the planet and mask the effects of burning coal, oil and natural gas, the study's lead author said. Put another way, while cleaning up aerosol pollution is a good thing, that success means slightly faster rises in temperatures. The study in Monday's journal Nature Climate Change calculates what's

referred to as the remaining "carbon budget," which is how much fossil fuels the world can burn and still have a 50% chance of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius since pre-industrial times. That is the threshold set by the 2015 Paris agreement.

The last 10 years are already on average 1.14 degrees Celsius (2.05 degrees Fahrenheit) hotter than the 19th century. Last year was 1.26 degrees Celsius (2.27 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer and this year is likely to blow past that, according to scientists.

The new study set the carbon budget at 250 billion metric tons. The world is burning a little more than 40 billion metric tons a year (and still rising), leaving six years left. But that six years started in January 2023, the study said, so that's now only five years and a

couple months away.

"It's not that the fight against climate change will be lost after six years, but I think probably if we're not already on a strong downward trajectory, it'll be too late to fight for that 1.5 degree limit," said study lead author Robin Lamboll, an Imperial College of London climate scientist. □

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Henry Winkler grapples with the Fonz and dyslexia in his entertaining new memoir

By **MARK KENNEDY**

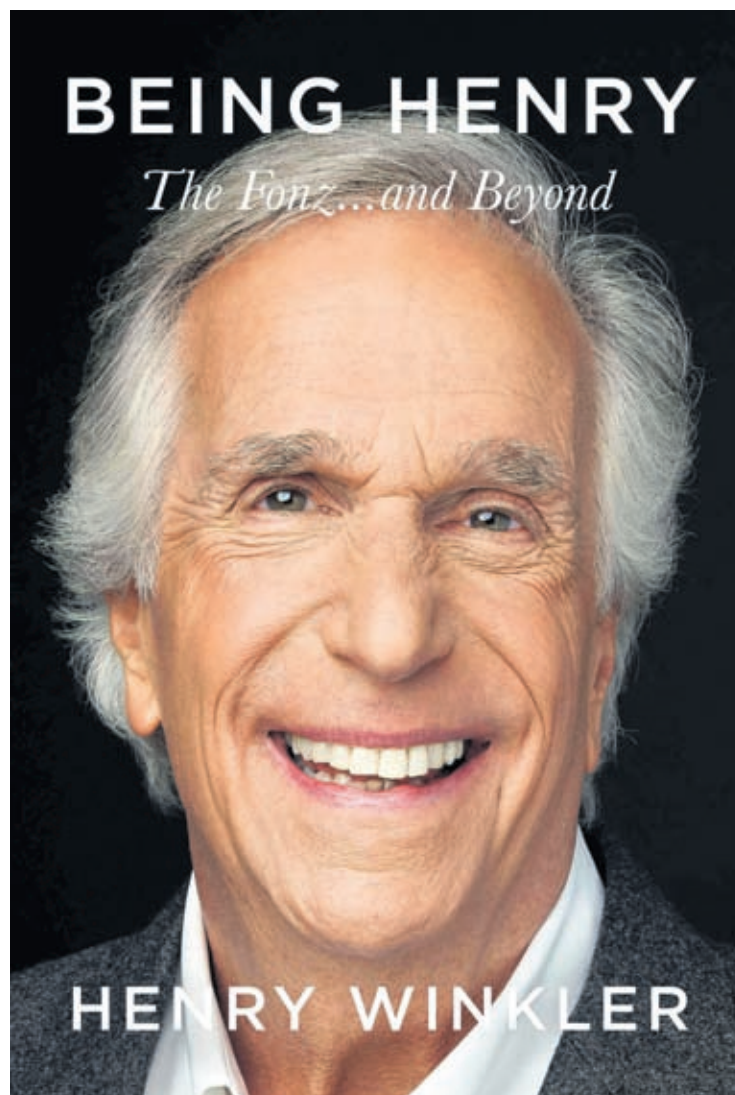
AP Entertainment Writer

Henry Winkler's memoir begins on a Tuesday morning in October 1973, at his first audition for "Happy Days." He was almost 28 quite a bit old for a high schooler and struggling with something he didn't know had a name.

"Being Henry: The Fonz... and Beyond," released Tuesday by Celadon Books, is a breezy, inspirational story of one of Hollywood's most beloved figures who became an unlikely TV screen icon and later a champion for those with dyslexia.

Winkler's 245-page book charts his course chronologically from the Fonz to "Barry" and the frustrating fallow periods in between painting a portrait of a man trying to overcome a bitter, loveless childhood and a disability that made reading impossibly hard and simply trying to become a better man.

"I was, in my mind, always a little boy," he writes. "My real self was like a kernel of corn sheathed in yards of concrete as insulated as the nuclear material at



This cover image released by Celadon Books shows "Being Henry: The Fonz...and Beyond" by Henry Winkler.

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Chernobyl."

He describes himself at the "Happy Days" audition

as "a short Jew from New York City with a unibrow and hair down to my shoul-

ders, confident about next to nothing in my life." He had graduated from Yale's drama school and bagged a few roles despite having difficulty reading.

The Fonz almost never happened for him: The fearsome Barry Diller, then head of development for ABC, and future Disney CEO Michael Eisner were skeptical of Winkler getting the part. But writer-creator Garry Marshall saw something.

Later, Winkler dishes, the immense popularity of the Fonz eclipsed anyone else on the show and the network secretly approached him with the idea of spinning off a show or changing the name to "Fonzie's Happy Days." Winkler refused.

The end of "Happy Days" brought its own stress for a man who admits that "worrying is my favorite indoor sports." He writes: "I was terrified of being a flash in the pan. A one-hit wonder. Was I?"

Over the years, there were guest spots on shows like "Arrested Development," "Royal Pains" and "Parks and Recreation" until finally "Barry," the show in 2018

that would prove a second tentpole to his career and produce his first primetime Emmy.

In 2003, Winkler branched out into children's books with Lin Oliver, writing about the adventures of Hank Zipzer, a young boy with dyslexia who overcomes many learning challenges. The 28-book series "Hank Zipzer: The World's Greatest Underachiever" was based on Winkler's own experience with undiagnosed dyslexia. "At the height of my fame and success, I felt embarrassed, inadequate," he writes.

The memoir is enlivened by an unusual move: Winkler includes long reaction passages from his wife, Stacey, who is pretty brutal about Winkler's immaturity, his parenting, his own parents and a crippling fear of poverty. "A very big thing I'd learned about Henry was that when he wasn't working, he was absolutely miserable. Adrift. Insecure. Anxious," she writes.

It's telling that Winkler who writes he has lately benefited from therapy includes a frank perspective from outside his own head. □

Taemin is back with another sultry K-pop EP, his fourth mini album 'Guilty'

By **CRISTINA JALERU**

Associated Press

The prince of sultry K-pop is back! The gothic, fall season is here and the prolific Taemin returns with some appropriately atmospheric music on a new EP titled "Guilty." It is his first release since completing his mandatory military enlistment in the South Korean army in April 2023.

Taemin cut his teeth in the spotlight by starting out in boy band SHINee but has emerged as a strong solo artist in the last nine years, with four previously released full-length albums under his belt. "Guilty" marks his fourth mini album and proves that it only

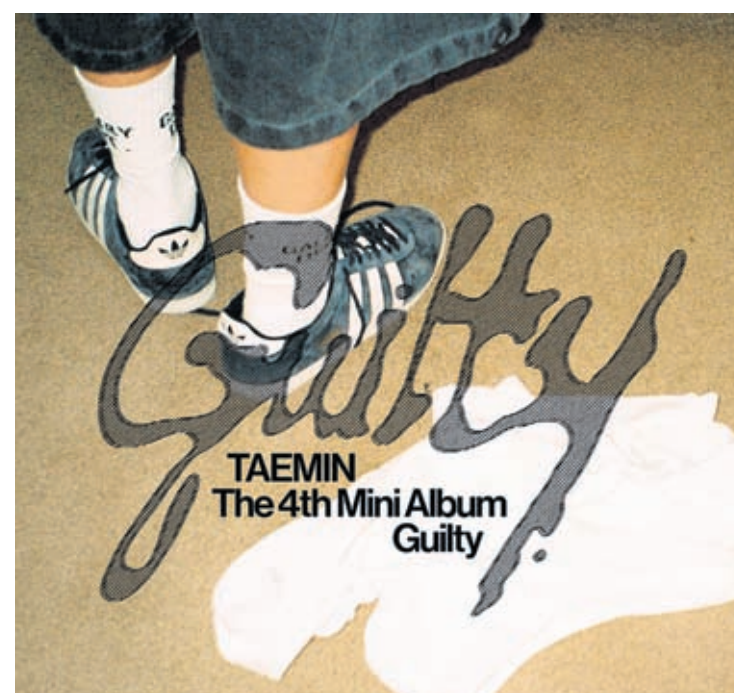
takes Taemin six tracks to realize a robust comeback. Dramatic, mysterious, sometimes unsettling but always dreamy, "Guilty" is an offer one can't refuse.

It would be inaccurate to say he's back and better than ever, because he was never not excellent. "Guilty" is Taemin just being just Taemin, surpassing himself not by being better but by being different. This EP is a pivot from the cool, synth-wave Taemin who explored themes of Stockholm syndrome on "Criminal" from his 2020 album "Never Gonna Dance Again," or the cool R&B-meets-dance pop cool Taemin of his 2021 EP "Ad-

vice" to, well, a new kind of cool on "Guilty."

From the theatricality of a 30-piece string ensemble on the title track, the record feels like a grand, triumphant return to music. And it certainly doesn't remain stagnant: dynamic synths and magnetic vocals complete with spooky, ASMR-esque whispers complete the song.

"The Rizzness," a silly title playing with internet slang "rizz" meaning "charisma," is seductive, pulsing, deep bass hip-hop. Taemin is not here to play nice. The song switches midway through, mutating from the musical incarnation of a thriller flick to a horror film with elec-



This cover image released by SM Entertainment shows "Guilty" by Taemin.

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tric guitar tremolos dialed to 11. Comparatively, "She Loves Me, She Loves Me Not" is a tamer pop track,

a melancholic tune that twins with the dreamy "Not Over You" in the pantheon of heartbreak. □

Ryan Blaney carries momentum into NASCAR's championship finale as he chases 1st Cup title

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Ryan Blaney began to doubt himself and his ability to compete at NASCAR's top level as he was mired in a 59-race losing streak and all his buddies he'd grown up racing against were thriving in the Cup Series.

There was Chase Elliott, one of his best friends, who won the 2020 Cup title and is NASCAR's five-time reigning most popular driver. Then there was Bubba Wallace, who Blaney grew up racing practically every week, freshly minted with a Michael Jordan-owned team built around him.

And what of William Byron, who only needed half the time to pass Blaney in career wins? Well, he started dating Blaney's sister. Add another star to the inner circle.

"There's been some bumps in the road, for sure. Maybe not being as, like, dominant as you want to be, right?" Blaney said. "Some of the other guys that are around your age who kind of came in at the same time, you want to be the best of that crop. We haven't, right? We haven't had the successes as like a (Kyle) Larson, Chase, those people.



Ryan Blaney celebrates in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023.

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"I try not to let that get to me. Chase and I are great friends. It kind of motivates me, like, 'Man, I want to be that guy, I want to be that guy winning a championship, all these races, I want to be that guy.'"

A win on Sunday at Martinsville Speedway has given Blaney a chance to be that guy. He'll race for his first Cup title on Sunday at Phoenix Raceway, where the highest-finishing driver between Blaney, Byron,

Larson and Christopher Bell will be crowned champion. Blaney got there first by snapping his long losing streak with a May win at the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway to ensure he qualified for the 16-driver playoffs.

Then he scored his second win of the season in the round of 12 of the playoffs at Talladega Superspeedway to earn an automatic berth into the round of eight. Blaney had been to

the round of eight three previous times but had never reached NASCAR's final four until this week.

As the last Team Penske driver standing reigning Cup champion Joey Logano was eliminated after the round of 12 Blaney felt immense pressure to get a Ford into this Sunday's championship race. He opened with a sixth-place finish at Talladega that was initially disqualified for a failed post-race inspec-

tion, only for NASCAR to reverse it the next day when it found its templates were off.

It put Blaney back in the game and he finished second at Homestead-Miami Speedway to control his own championship destiny at Martinsville. He didn't need the victory to lock himself into the finale, but in winning on the Virginia short track, Blaney joined Larson as the only two drivers with multiple playoff wins this season.

He admitted after the Martinsville win how difficult the last few years have been as his peers have thrived.

"I think it motivates me more than anything, just to try to work on the things that you think you can do better. I think that's the biggest thing that's helped me out this year," Blaney said. "It's hard to do. You're picking out your flaws. 'You suck at this, this and this. Let's change things up to make it better.' Sometimes that's hard to kind of admit. You don't ever want to admit your flaws. I think that's been something good that has kind of helped me out for this year." Of the final four drivers, the 2021 champion Larson is the only one with a Cup title. □

WTA defends its court after No. 1 Sabalenka calls conditions at finals 'another level of disrespect'

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) —

The women's tennis tour defended the court built for the WTA Finals as meeting its "strict performance standards" after No. 1-ranked Aryna Sabalenka called the conditions at the season-ending championship "another level of disrespect."

At least two of the eight singles players at the event that began Sunday complained about the temporary outdoor hard court in Cancun, including saying that it was not ready earlier to allow for more practice time before the competi-

tion.

"Honestly, it's another level of disrespect from the WTA for the players, because sometimes they don't even feel safe to move on this court. That's not the level I expect from the WTA Finals," Sabalenka said Sunday night after beating Maria Sakkari 6-0, 6-1 in one of the opening matches in round-robin play.

"Thank you for this challenge I'm facing right now, to kind of like learn how to adapt quick to the conditions. Thank you for that. But this is not something I expect from such a high-

level tournament," said Sabalenka, who won the Australian Open in January and was the runner-up to Coco Gauff at the U.S. Open in September. "And I'm really happy that I'm able to ignore all this." Another player who was in action on Day 1, 2022 Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina, said after her straight-set loss to Jessica Pegula: "About the court, I don't really want to talk, but of course, it's not good. ... Everything was late and (there was) no time to fix anything." □



Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus leaves the court after defeated by Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan in the women's singles quarterfinal match of the China Open tennis tournament at the Diamond Court in Beijing, Friday, Oct. 6, 2023.

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NFL can't protect QBs from freak, non-contact injuries like Achilles tear

By **ROB MAADDI**
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL has done everything in its power to protect quarterbacks short of putting a flag on them. Can't hit them high. Can't hit them low. Can't touch them too late. But the two most devastating QB injuries this season didn't involve a violent hit. Kirk Cousins wasn't even touched before he went down Sunday. Aaron Rodgers was barely hit on a sack when he suffered a torn Achilles tendon on the fourth play of his first game with the New York Jets in September. The Minnesota Vikings fear Cousins also has a torn



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins (8) is carted off the field after sustaining an injury during the second half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers, Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, in Green Bay, Wis.

Jones, Anthony Richardson, Justin Fields and Ryan Tannehill were among the other starting QBs who didn't play in Week 8 because of injuries. Taylor got hurt when he took a crushing shot and was tackled on turf. He was running to the right sideline when Quinton Jefferson wrapped up his legs and C.J. Mosley hit him from behind, landing on his back and driving Taylor's chest into the ground. Taylor was hospitalized with an injury to his rib cage. He was staying overnight for observation.

"You never know what play it is, what time it is, if it's going to happen, if it's not going to happen so there's a tough part about staying ready, being ready for that role, which is what makes that position so difficult," said Giants third-string QB Tommy DeVito, who replaced Taylor. "So, I thought Tyrod did a good job helping me throughout these last couple months being here, and just when he went down, everybody just looked at me and we were all good and we were going to go through with (what) our game plan was."

DeVito was an undrafted rookie who played at Illinois last season after transferring from Syracuse. He threw the ball just once in regulation before the game went to overtime. DeVito finished 2 of 7 for minus-1 yard in a 13-10 loss to the Jets.

Except for the Vikings, who were up 24-10 and won by that score when Cousins went out, every team that lost its quarterback on Sunday lost.

Stafford injured his thumb in the first half of the Rams' 43-20 loss at Dallas. Pickett injured his ribs in Pittsburgh's 20-10 loss to Jacksonville. Ridder was evaluated for a concussion and cleared to return but didn't come back into Atlanta's 28-23 loss at Tennessee.

Several other QBs played through pain. □

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Achilles tendon. Cousins, who has never missed a game because of an injury in his 12-year career, could miss the rest of the season after suffering the non-contact injury on a freak play.

"Three-man rush and he kind of stepped up in the pocket. That is all I saw," Vikings coach Kevin O'Connell said. "I just know in some of my dialogue with Kirk it seems like maybe his cleat might have gotten stuck in the ground or whatever it was. It probably isn't right for me to speculate. I just know that it was incredibly, incredibly unfortunate in that moment."

Rodgers was spun around by Buffalo's Leonard Floyd on a seemingly innocent play when he got hurt. His injury occurred on a turf field at MetLife Stadium, leading the NFL Players Association to call for all teams to switch to a high-quality natural grass. Half the league's stadiums have turf. Cousins got hurt on a grass surface at Lambeau Field.

Injuries are piling up for quarterbacks across the league.

Matthew Stafford, Tyrod Taylor, Kenny Pickett and Desmond Ridder couldn't finish their games Sunday. Deshaun Watson, Daniel

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